

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles R. SLATER

Rule 53(b) Divisional of

Serial No.: 08/354,992

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For: BIPOLAR ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL
SCISSOR BLADES AND INSTRUMENT
INCORPORATING THE SAME

) Parent Information:

) Group Art Unit: 3309

) Examiner: M. Peffley

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
by cancelling claims 1-23 and 30-39, and adding new claims 40-56 as follows:

-- 40. An endoscopic scissor blade according to claim 24, wherein said outer metal conductive layer is for connection to a voltage source to supply cautery current through the outer metal conductive layer.

41. An endoscopic scissor blade according to claim 25, wherein said mounting means includes a mounting hole for receiving a mounting screw.